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## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as shown below.

Please add claim 10 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-10 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

. (Currently Amended) An electric lamp, comprising:

a light source (2) operable to emit a visible light; and

a light-transmitting lamp vessel (1) which accommodates the light source (2),

wherein at least a part of the lamp vessel (1) is provided with a light-absorbing coating (3) for causing a color point shift, the light-absorbing coating (3) including a pigment which absorbs a part of the visible light, the light-absorbing coating (3) having a network which can be obtained by conversion of an organically modified silane selected from a group formed by compounds of the following structural formula: R<sup>1</sup>Si(OR<sup>11</sup>)<sub>3</sub>,

wherein R<sup>II</sup> comprises an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein R<sup>II</sup> comprises an alkyl group.

- 2. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  $R^1$  group comprises CH<sub>3</sub> or  $C_6H_5$ .
- 3. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  $R^{II}$  group comprises  $CH_3$  or  $C_2H_5$ .
- 4. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein an average diameter  $d_p$  of the pigment is  $d_p \le 100$  nm.
- 5. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein a thickness  $t_c$  of the light-absorbing coating (3) is  $t_c \ge 1 \mu m$ .

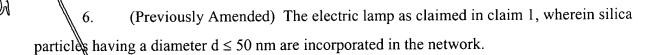


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- 7. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pigment is an inorganic pigment.
- 8. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 7, wherein the pigment is selected from the group formed by iron oxide, iron oxide doped with phosphor, zinc-iron oxide, cobalt aluminate, neodymium oxide, bismuth vanadate, zirconium praseodymium silicate or mixtures thereof.
- 9. (Previously Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pigment is formed by a mixture of iron oxide and bismuth vanadate or by a mixture of iron oxide doped with phosphor and bismuth vanadate.

10. (New) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the color point shift is towards red.